

**DECATUR TOWNSHIP
June 2023 MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Decatur Township Board was called to order on Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 7 p.m. Present: Supervisor Kevin Kusmack, Treasurer Katelin Makay, Clerk Julie McKee, and Trustees Matt Kusmack and Tom Stull. There were 9 guests present.

Minutes from the April regular meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve by Katelin Makay, second by Tom Stull. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Lake of the Woods Association requested information on the most recent or current rules for use of the dedicated waterfront for property on Lake of the Woods situated in the Gaertig Subdivision. Kevin Kusmack will call Janet Abshagen to see if there are any rules currently in place.

Public Comment:

Jacob Diljak from the conservation district stated they will be having educational programs this summer for schools in Van Buren County. They will have hiking events and nature tutorials. Must register first. June 24th Paw Paw Recycle Roundup from 9am-2pm at Community Center at 801 Hazen St. Paw Paw.

Clerk

Current Bills were approved. Motion to approve: Tom Stull 2nd: Matt Kusmack

Treasurer

New Tax Bills and papers to be sent out by July 1st. Document Retention on track. Motion to Approve: Kevin Kusmack 2nd Julie McKee

Supervisor

No Road Tour yet. Memorial Day services went well in Decatur Township. Road Commission to start 2nd round of Dust Control next week. Leisure Valley campground has new owners.

Zoning Administrator

(Report from Julie McKee) Requested a new Blight Officer as he would like to step down. He will continue to do Zoning. Kevin Kusmack to call Van Buren County Sherriff to see if they would take over for Blight Inspection. Suggested to Raise the Permit Fees.

County Commissioner

John Faul is the new Administrator. Robin Grant was awarded for Van Buren County to receive internet to underserved areas in the county.

Senior Services

None.

Van Buren Sheriff Department

Dispatch report for the previous month of May was submitted.

Cemetery Report

569 flags were placed for Memorial Day.

New Building Committee

Met in May for the first time. Looking into a couple parcels to build. Looking into the Pines owned by Decatur Public Schools, and into the parcels owned by the township by Harrison Cemetery. No decision was made.

Old Business:

ORV Ordinance: Motion to Approve by Board- All Board Members-Yea. Zero-Nay Motion Carries after striking the helmet and adjusting incorrection from Red Arrow highway to M-51.

New Business:

-Cemetery Fence Repairs Cost at Andersen (\$2,297)

Motion: Kevin Kusmack 2nd Tom Stull

-Conservation District: Municipality Pledge (\$500)

Motion: Matt Kusmack 2nd Katelin Makay

-Decatur Village Community Promotions (\$1000)

Motion: Julie McKee 2nd Katelin Makay

-Resolution 2023-7: Zoning Permit Prices (Raised from \$50 to \$100)

Motion: Katelin Makay 2nd Tom Stull

-Resolution: 2023-8: Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Meeting Dates-All future meeting times to be at 6pm.

Motion: Julie McKee 2nd Matt Kusmack

-Savion Solar presented argument about changing the conditional use permit and to remove it. Motion to not change the conditional use permit was passed by the board as advised by attorney Catherine Kaufman.

-Budget hearing- June 26th @ 6pm.

Public Comment:

Jason West- asked who was fixing Andersen Cemetery and to confirm Board meetings will be held at 6pm. Thanked the Board for listening to the people and not changing the conditional use permit.

Motion to adjourn by Matt Kusmack 2nd Katelin Makay
End Of Meeting Time: 7:46

Julie McKee, Township Clerk